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USE IN IMPLANTING A CERVICAL DISC  
REPLACEMENT DEVICE

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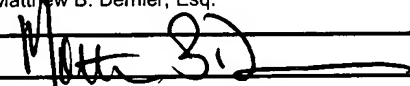
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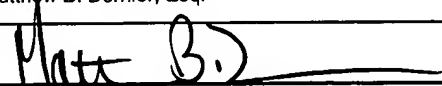
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